

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered By Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 6th June 1997

O Messenger! Proclaim what has been revealed to thee from thy Lord; and if thou do it not thou hast not conveyed His Mission. And Allah will safeguard thee against people. Surely Allah guides not the defiant.

The Holy Quran. al-Maidah [The Banquet]: 68.

I especially draw the attention of Ahmadis living in the western countries to the duty and importance of proselytising. It is wrong to think of proselytising as an additional task. If it were so Allah the Almighty would never have said to the Holy Prophet ﷺ that if you do not preach you have not fulfilled the duties of Prophethood. The real *Jihad* of today is to make Islam triumphant in the whole world. Who says it is an option, do it if you will and leave it if you will? Now that the days of championing Islam in the whole world are here will you turn away and leave Muhammad the Messenger of Allah on his own wondering whether we are addressed in this or not?

If instead of the Holy Prophet the Muslims had been commonly addressed in this verse then some people could deem preaching to be an additional duty. One wisdom behind addressing the Holy Prophet and commanding him singularly is because *You are very dear to me in my eyes but if you do not even preach then you are not fulfilling the duties of the Mission.* O servants of Muhammad ﷺ the Messenger of Allah! Consider your value if you fail to convey the mission of the Messenger of Allah. Secondly by addressing Muhammad the Holy Messenger of Allah it states that every person claiming to be his servant in relation to his personal essence is addressed. Nobody is outside of it.

It is the least duty of every individual to always participate in proselytising and the Jamat can fulfil many of the requirements of it. I especially bind the National Amirs and their Officials to keep an eye on this and fulfil this obligation collectively. I draw your attention to making an analysis of the various factors involved in collecting information and conveying the instructions given at various times for you are to progress forward slowly and gradually through planned measures. Take into consideration all those who preach and how they preach. Then when the question of *how* will arise you will find out how big the void is. You will have to adopt different methods and ways for involving them. Secondly consider those who work effectively among you. Utilise their talents. It is our work to produce fruitful trees. So first ask the fruitful trees how they are fruitful. First of all inquire from the members of Majlis e Amla [Officials] and then appoint them guardians over various areas and offering training through them.

In this relation I also draw attention to make use of the Audio/Video facilities and from literature, inform the whole Jamat about your holdings and the subjects and languages and from where it can be obtained. When you examine these various aspects the preachers will be grouped. Separate them into groups based on their own languages. Then you are also to teach them how to preach. Norway obeyed an instruction and widely distributed Islamic

literature to various libraries of the country through planned action. There are innumerable ways of preaching. Allah the Almighty states that those who strive in treading our paths We would guide along those paths. So you should at least make an effort.

One thing is that the brain of the Amir ought to stay alive. With reference to [He settled Himself on the Throne] you should systematically preach as God has made the system of the universe. Once you do so and it advances further then you will see that it will definitely bear fruit. Then it is your task to take in hand the summoner to Allah who is not producing results. Sometimes such people prove useful when put to a different task. Proceed by understanding the system of the universe as made by God.

نَمْ عَلَىٰ سَتُوْرِ الْعَرْشِ ['Then He settled Himself on the Throne']¹ also means that once having learnt a task one can go on advancing it. I pray that Allah the Almighty may enable us to strengthen the works so that every Amir knows that *My today is better than my yesterday*. Never forget to pray for every task is facilitated through prayer and without prayer even the very best of plans are futile.

I am receiving a huge number of letters of condolence for Hazrat Syeda Mehr Apa who has passed away. I see all those letters myself and my heart bears sentiments of gratitude for every one of them but due to the pressure of postal work here do not expect a letter about this. This announcement I am making should be considered to represent the letters. So do offer condolences but the reply is that which I am giving that May Allah reward you the best of rewards. I also appeal for prayers that Hazrat Mehr Apa be granted a lofty station and that I and the others occupied in her virtuous projects may be able to bring them to fruition in the most fitting manner.

© Rehan Qayoom / The Tahir Archive, 2016.

¹ *The Holy Quran*, var.